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Applicant : Brian R. Chambers, et al.
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Examiner : Susan W. Berman
Title : DUAL-CURE SILICONE COMPOUNDS EXHIBITING
ELASTOMERIC PROPERTIES
Docket No. : 35213US1
Customer No. : 00116

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance are being submitted
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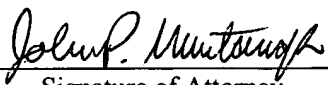
In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed March 20, 2006, the
Examiner stated as follows:

Claims 6, 19 and 29 have been amended to define "n" in
the formulas set forth, as agreed in the above telephone
interview on March 15, 2005 [sic 2006]. The basis in the
specification for the amendment is found in the disclosure on
page 6 that "n" represents the degree of polymerization in the
formulas, thus providing an implicit disclosure that n can be
zero or an integer greater than zero, but not a negative integer.

Statement of Reasons for Allowance, at p. 3.

Applicant agrees with this statement except to the extent it implies n must be an
integer number. The degree of polymerization (molecular length) of a polymer molecule is
often reported in terms of an average, such as an average polymer length or an average
molecular weight. While it is true that for any single molecule of the type described in the
claims "n" will be an integer, this is not necessarily true when the molecular weight or length
(degree of polymerization) is reported or considered as an *average*.


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